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FOOD SECURITY SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes to ensure food security in India;

(b) whether some districts have been identified for special relief under food security mission;

(c) whether none of the districts in Kerala have been found to be eligible for Central help under the said scheme;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government of Kerala has made special requests for including some districts for special consideration in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme `National Food Security Mission (NFSM)` has been launched in 305 identified districts of 16 States from Rabi 2007-08 with an aim to achieve additional production of 10 million tonnes of Rice, 8 million tonnes of Wheat and 2 million tonnes of Pulses by the end of Eleventh Plan (2011-12).

(c) & (d): In Kerala only one district viz. Palakkad was found to be eligible for inclusion under NFSM-Rice. However, due to administrative reasons those states in which less than five districts were qualifying the criteria, have not been included under National Food Security Mission, as it would require creation/identification of autonomous agency, project management team and related formalities.

(e) & (f): The Government of Kerala has requested for inclusion of the State under NFSM.